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Matt Elliott on the city's road safety plan

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Uber puts T.O. in driverless seat

TRANSPORTATION

Toronto picked as site to research, test self-driving technology

Uber is launching a research group devoted to driverless-car technology in Toronto, creating a third hub — its first outside the U.S. — for the company's ambitions in a frenzied field that Uber and its competitors believe will upend transportation, generating billions of dollars in the process.

The Advanced Technologies Group will be led by Raquel Urtasun, a University of Toronto computer science professor who holds a Canada Research Chair in machine learning and computer vision. Urtasun uses artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning, to make vehicles and other machines perceive the world around them more accurately and efficiently.

The group will hire "dozens" of researchers and engineers in the next few years, the company says. Uber will also make a multimillion-dollar, multi-year commitment to the Vector Institute, the artificial intelligence institute that launched in Toronto in March with investment from both government and private sources, including technology companies Google, Nvidia and Shopify. Urtasun, who will remain a professor at U of T, is one of the Vector Institute's founding members.

"Toronto has emerged as an important hub of artificial intelligence research, which is critical to the future of transportation," Uber CEO Travis Kalanick wrote in a blog post welcoming Urtasun and announcing the group, praising the Ontario and federal governments for their investments in the field.

Uber has already put semi-autonomous cars on the roads in Pittsburgh and San Francisco, the homes of the other two Advanced Technologies Groups, and more recently in Arizona, but the company has not said when Torontonians might be able to hail a self-driving car.

Last year, Ontario became the first province to launch a pilot program that permits on-road testing of automated vehicles (AVs). Carmakers and technology companies that want to participate must apply to the Ministry of Transportation, and if approved must have a human in the driver's seat of the AV at all times.

Monday's announcement comes at a critical time for Uber's self-driving car program. Waymo, Google's self-driving car unit, launched a lawsuit against Uber in February, accusing the company of using stolen trade secrets to develop sensors for its autonomous vehicles.

Waymo alleges that a former manager, Anthony Levandowski, illegally downloaded 14,000 documents, including detailed circuit board designs for a laser-based sensor known as LIDAR, before leaving the company and founding Otto, a startup that was acquired by Uber approximately six months later for $680 million US.

Uber has denied the accusations.

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Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

My favourite memory is going to Sunday school with my family and all the other kids from the neighbourhood. That was in Barbados, and my childhood there was just excellent. It was fabulous because, you know, childhood in the Caribbean is nothing like here. We played all sorts of social games outside all the time. You create your own toy and it becomes something exciting. You pitch marbles or play ring-around-the-rosy. The kids here are from the more modern times of electronics and don't go outside as often.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans of Toronto on Instagram.

Vision Zero lacks infrastructure

Matt Elliott
Tory's Toronto

I was cut off by an aggressive driver on my walk to Toronto City Hall last week. I was crossing Bay Street on a no-doubt walk sign with a crosswalk full of pedestrians. The driver, however, was hell-bent on making a right turn, and missed me by inches.

These incidents are too common on Toronto's deadly streets, where 43 pedestrians were killed in collisions last year. And it was a pretty fitting illustration of why the event that brought me to city hall — Toronto's Vision Zero road safety summit — was so important.

The summit was put together by Coun. Jaye Robinson, the chair of the city's public works and infrastructure committee. It marked the culmination of a lot of work done to make Toronto a true Vision Zero city — a city that recognizes all deaths and serious injuries on roadways can be prevented.

And the work is pretty good. The plan presented to the assembled group (advocates for pedestrians, cyclists and public health, plus police officers and others) lays out the data on injuries and deaths, maps the danger zones for pedestrians and cyclists, and points to how absurdly common aggressive and distracted driving is in this city.

The plan also points to solutions: better awareness, more robust data collection, stricter enforcement and improved infrastructure, like redesigned pedestrian-oriented intersections and more bike lanes.

If anything worries me about this plan, it's the last bit. I'm not yet convinced Toronto is serious about infrastructure.

Take the city's 10-year plan for installing bike lanes. When the plan was unveiled last summer, Robinson worked to remove so-called "major corridor studies" from the plan, punting the decision over whether to install lanes on most major roadways to late 2018.

If anything concerns me about this plan, it's the last bit. I'm not yet convinced Toronto is serious about infrastructure.

As a result, the city's 2017 plan for bike lane installations is meagre. It includes just four minor improvements to the network, filling in some gaps on roads like Davenport and adding some lanes on side streets.

It doesn't look like the kind of bike plan you'd expect from a Vision Zero city.

Similar causes for concern are found in many of the reports on road infrastructure that come before city councillors. Requests for crosswalks and traffic calming measures are routinely rejected by transportation staff because they don't meet an arbitrary set of requirements.

Even obvious improvements to safety take too long. At the intersection of Richmond and Simcoe, a busy active transportation corridor, local councillor Joe Cressy had to work to overturn an initial report that rejected the installation of a traffic light for fears of traffic tie-ups.

Again, not what you'd expect from a Vision Zero city. None of this should detract from the work the city has done so far, but it's important to remember that true Vision Zero is more than just studies, signs and summits. It's embedded in the infrastructure that makes up the city.

Vision Zero will not become reality because it's written in a report. It must be written in the streets.

Toronto DIGEST

107-year-old boat Trillium still seaworthy

For a vessel that's older than the Titanic, it turns out the Trillium is in pretty good shape. The 107-year-old boat, the jewel of Toronto's ferry fleet, has plied the harbour for more than a century. But for the next few weeks it will be sitting metres above the water at the mouth of the Keating Channel, having been lifted into dry dock for an inspection and repairs to make sure it's still seaworthy.

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'A city within a city'

Discussions about what to do with the Woodbine Racetrack lands have been happening for at least four years now. And you might be wondering why we don't just get on with it. But with a 275-hectare site and plans that potentially include a new music venue, hotels, condos, shops, offices, and sports fields, the scope is equivalent to a development the size of downtown Toronto.

"If you think of downtown Toronto from Spadina to the lake to Church Street to Queen Street, so basically everything in downtown Toronto...that fits within Woodbine," Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment Group said. "So when we say to people the long term 15, 20, 25-year vision here is to build a city within a city, your mind can wander."

Lawson said a "shovel could be in the ground" as early as the end of 2018.

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Connecting moms across the ocean

Danny Glenwright
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FOCUS ON FAMINE

Program links mothers here to those in Africa to provide help

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A trip to East Africa last fall changed Danny Glenwright's perspective on the famine crisis affecting millions of people.

The executive director of Action Against Hunger Canada was visiting projects the charity runs in the region, helping build resilience in communities affected by food shortage and drought. That's when he realized the crisis was inflicting more burden to women and young mothers.

"You see moms walking miles from across the desert with their babies," he said, describing a semi-nomadic lifestyle that forces people to move around searching for water.

His organization wants Canadian mothers to know about the plight of these women — and to lend a helping hand. A new campaign, Care for Mom, is working with yoga studios and gyms across the country to drum up a "mother to mother" support.

Glenwright said the goal of the campaign is to show Canadian mothers to the issue of food insecurity that's affecting other mothers, and that they can make a difference.

The United Nations has already declared a state of famine in some parts of South Sudan, and has warned that Somalia, northern Nigeria and Yemen are faced with the same situation if humanitarian efforts are not increased.

Action Against Hunger already has mom-to-mom support programs in a dozen African countries, with older mothers helping younger ones in maternal self-care. The group also operates "baby tents" where displaced mothers can feed their newborns.

Glenwright says the campaign is about sharing support across borders and continents.

"This is just to say to Canadians, 'Look, there're moms like you on the other side of the world who are just struggling to take care of themselves.'"

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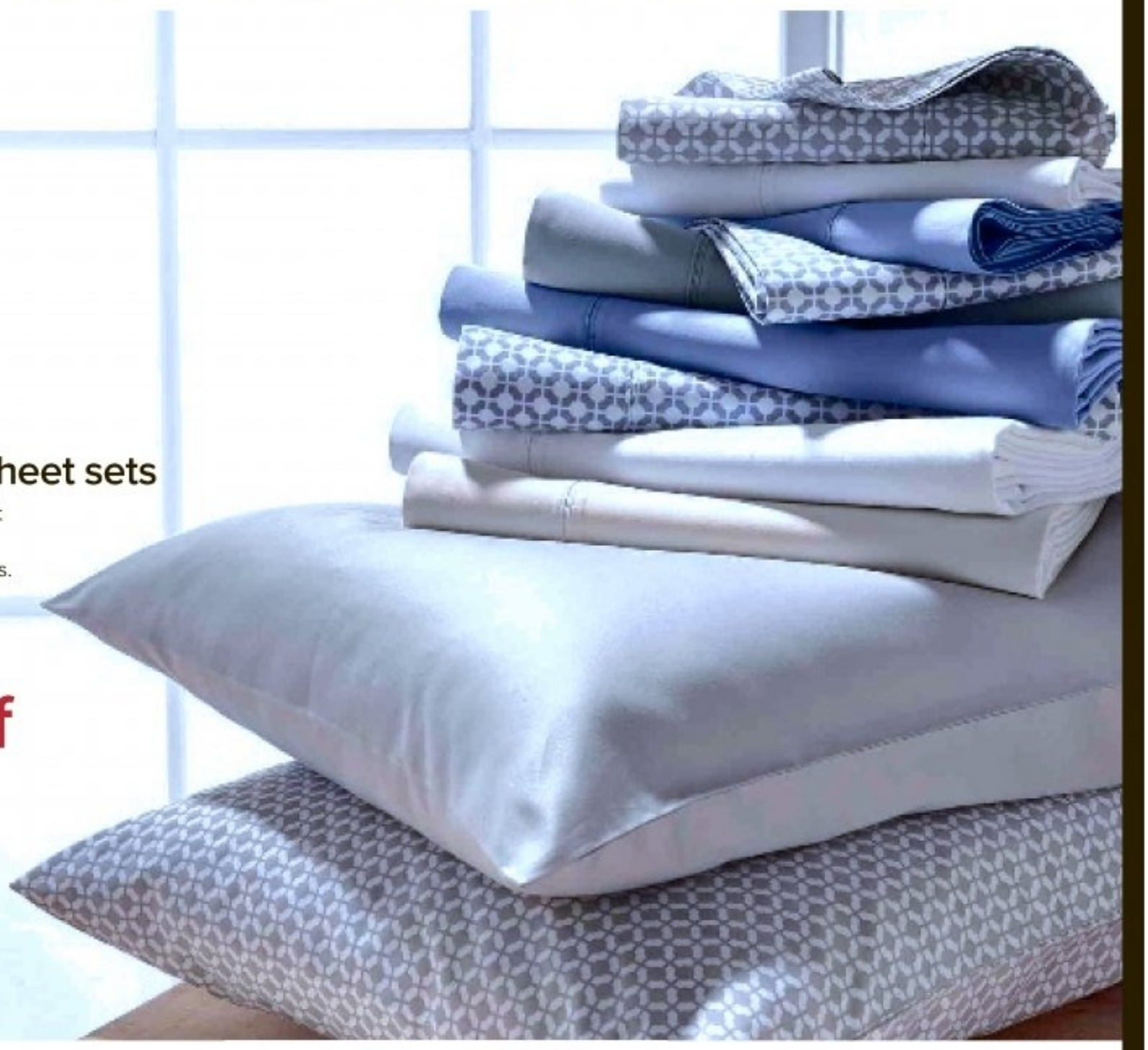

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Getting into the groove

CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

Dance classes get Malvern residents ready for big festival

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It's still months away from the Toronto Caribbean Carnival, but the festival is already heating up in Malvern.

Twice a week since the beginning of the year, the Taibu Community Health Centre hosts dance classes for people in the Malvern area who are keen on getting their bodies in the right shape and form for the annual summer carnival.

Initially developed in partnership with York University and the Black Health Alliance, the program sought to develop healthy habits among black communities in an effort to fight against health complications. But it has quickly evolved into a series of sessions for people to get ready for the big summer event.

"The place is always jampacked. There's so much interest," said Estella Williams, a health promoter in Malvern who helps organize the dance sessions. "The music, the dance, the relationship building, eating healthier and losing weight, it's all about the Caribbean spirit here."

Williams said the program is open to everyone, but the majority are women from the community who otherwise wouldn't have the resources to work out and get their bodies in good shape.

Dance instructor Kevin Carrington called the whole process a marathon.

"They have to develop the kind of stamina that will be needed to stand and match in the parade for many hours," he said, noting the program uses dancing and exercising as a spiritual motivator.

"So I'm just trying to send positive vibes and make sure they always feel good about themselves and their ability to perform during the festival."

Dance instructor Tamara Garnes during one of her "Socacize" dance classes at the Military Trail Public School gym last week. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

DAMAGED SIDEWALKS

Councillors at odds over cutting trees

Scarborough may have a problem of uneven sidewalks but one councillor has vowed possible solutions can never include cutting down trees.

At a community council meeting last week, a city report indicated staff identified about 8,000 tripping hazards on Scarborough sidewalks throughout last year. According to the report, nearly half of those "discontinuities" were found near overgrown tree roots.

Councillors asked for a report on possible lawsuits filed by people who've fallen victim to damaged sidewalks. But Coun. Jim Karygiannis attracted ire from his colleagues when he suggested some of the trees should be cut down and replaced by less invasive species.

"There are thousands and thousands of tripping hazards all over the city but the trees are not the cause of this problem," said coun. Glenn de Baeremaeker, a longtime tree advocate.

He instead believes sidewalk heaves are a result of cold Canadian winters, which force the landscape to move up or down at various levels. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

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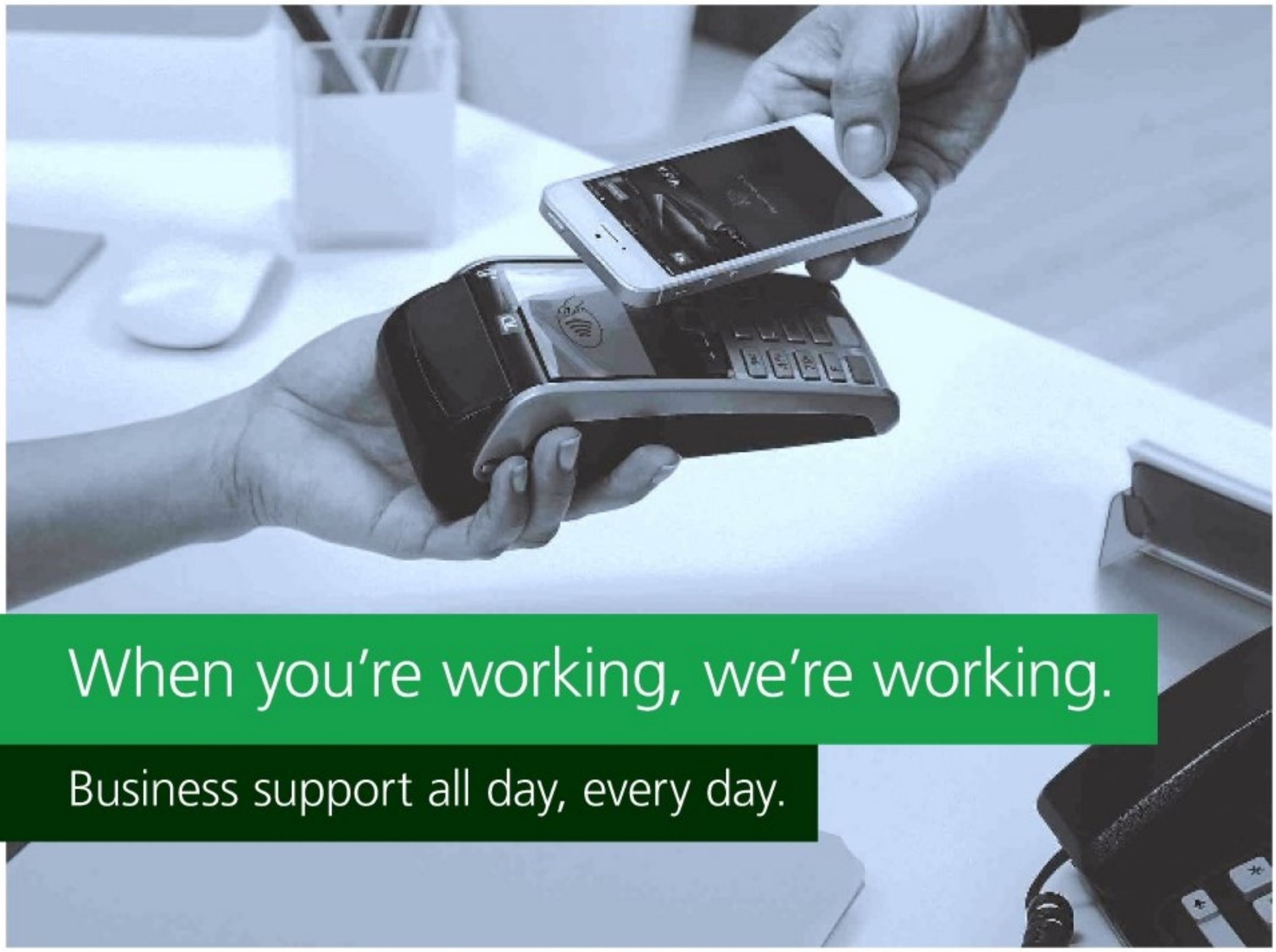

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Canada battles the rain

RISING WATERS

Heavy weather leads to flooding from coast to coast

Alex Abdelwahab
Metro | Ottawa

Residents paddle a boat past a submerged car in a flooded area of Gatineau, Que., on Sunday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was a weekend of constant rainfall, evacuation orders and stories of kindness and generosity, as Canadians across the country grapple with dangerously rising levels of floodwaters.

In Ottawa's Constance Bay, resident Melissa Lepage was among more than a dozen people working hard to stack sandbags around her neighbour's house, even using a canoe to transport sandbags across the flooded lawn.

"We lost everything downstairs. We couldn't keep up with it. The water was just coming up," Lepage said, adding the insurance company has already told her family it won't cover the damages. "We're living paycheque to paycheque. We won't have money to fix the house."

In Gatineau, Que., more than 1,500 volunteers came out Sunday to fill sandbags at the Campeau arena.

Quebec has been hardest hit, with nearly 1,900 flooded homes in roughly 130 municipalities, from the Ontario border in the west, to the Gaspe peninsula.

Hundreds of members of the Canadian forces have been deployed into communities across the province, several of which are under a state of emergency.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said no other province had so far requested military help, but forces personnel, including reserves, are on stand-by across the country.

The situation in Ontario seems to be "generally stabilizing," although there are many unstable local circumstances, he said.

Some parts of New Brunswick recorded more than 150 millimetres of rain after a nearly 36 hour non-stop downpour.

A weather station northeast of Saint John measured 155 millimetres of precipitation from late Friday to early Sunday.

In British Columbia, the worst was thought to be over Sunday after floods and mudslides wreaked havoc in the Interior over the weekend.

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CALGARY

A new liver gives a new life to three-year-old

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Three-year-old Greta Marofke's been given a new liver, and a new lease on life.

Greta had hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer, and was officially placed on the Cincinnati Children's Hospital's organ transplant list, after months of flying back and forth between Calgary and the Ohio city where she is being treated.

The cancer had previously been treated at the Alberta Children's Hospital, but when it returned, the family was told a transplant was not an option and palliative care was recommended. Unwilling to give up, the family found an expert in Cincinnati to perform a transplant.

According to an early Sunday morning Facebook post on the Greta's Guardians page, the family was going through customs at the airport when they received a call that they had a new liver for her.

"We just left our baby in the OR to receive her new liver!" read a statement on the page.

Three-year-old Greta Marofke has received a new liver in Cincinnati, Ohio.
ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

"She will come out of there at the end of today with a new liver and NO tumours! We are so sad to think about the family who lost their baby yesterday but so thankful they decided to help give Greta the shot at life she deserves."

Hours later, a post on the page confirmed that Greta safely made it out of surgery, and will be monitored over the next few days.

'France has won'

ELECTION

Pro-EU Macron will be nation's youngest ever president

Emmanuel Macron won the French presidential election on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Ripping up France's political map, voters elected independent centrist Emmanuel Macron as the country's youngest president Sunday, delivering a resounding victory to the unabashedly pro-European former investment banker and strengthening France's place as a central pillar of the European Union.

At a victory party outside the Louvre Museum in Paris, Macron supporters roared with delight at the news, waving red, white and blue tricolour flags. The jubilant crowd swelled to thousands as the night wore on.

"A new page in our long history is opening tonight. I want it to be one of hope and renewed confidence," Macron said.

Marine Le Pen, his far-right opponent in the presidential runoff, quickly called the 39-year-old Macron to concede defeat after voters rejected her "French-first" nationalism by a large margin. Macron, in a solemn televised victory speech, vowed to heal the social divisions exposed by France's acrimonious election campaign.

"I know the divisions in our nation that led some to extreme votes. I respect them," he said. "I know the anger, the anxiety, the doubts that a large number of you also expressed. It is my responsibility to hear them."

The result wasn't even close: With four-fifths of votes counted, Macron had 64 per cent support to Le Pen's 36 per cent.

Le Pen's performance dashed her hopes that the populist wave that swept Donald Trump into the White House and led Britain to vote to leave the EU would also carry her to France's presidential Elysee Palace.

Macron's victory marked the third time in six months — following elections in Austria and the Netherlands— that European voters shot down far-right populists who wanted to restore borders across Europe. The election of a French president who championed European unity could also strengthen the EU's hand in its complex divorce proceedings with Britain.

"France has won!" Macron said in an address to supporters. "Everyone said it was impossible. But they did not know France!"

Saying Le Pen voters backed her because they were angry, he vowed: "I will do everything in the five years to come so there is no more reason to vote for the extremes."

Many French voters backed him reluctantly to keep out Le Pen and her National Front party, which has a long anti-Semitic and racist history.

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NIGERIA

82 Chibok girls freed

Some of the recently freed girls in Abuja, Nigeria. AP

Five Boko Haram commanders were released in exchange for the freedom of 82 Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by the extremist group three years ago, a Nigerian government official said Sunday, as the girls were expected to meet with the country's president and their families.

The confirmation of the prisoner swap came a day after the young women were liberated. The official spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak to reporters on the matter.

There was no immediate comment about the exchange from the Nigerian presidency or Boko Haram, which has links to Daesh. President Muhammadu Buhari's office said Saturday that "some" Boko Haram suspects in detention had been released for the freedom of the schoolgirls, but it did not give details.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police involved as Czech Girl Scout faces threats

Lucie Myslikova talks to a protester last week.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Czech Interior Ministry says that police are taking steps to ensure the security of a Girl Scout after a photo showing her confronting a neo-Nazi group went viral. The ministry's Center Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats says the move was prompted by threats against 16-year-old student Lucie Myslikova that appeared on Facebook. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE QUESTION
Can I refuse to give a wedding toast if I am truly too shy?

Dear Ellen,

I'm going to a close friend's wedding in June and he wants me to give the toast to the bride. I told him I have severe stage fright, but he insists. Is there a polite way to get out of it and still stay friends with him and his wife-to-be?

Thanks,
Mr. Terrified

Dear Mr. Terrified,

You are in good company. According to the Internet, singers Lorde and Adele have both been known to throw up before going on stage. British actor Stephen Fry got so scared about performing in a play in London's West End in 1995 that he fled the country and ended up in Bruges, Belgium. He needed 17 years before he was ready to get back onstage. Another British acting god, Laurence Olivier, fought off paralyzing stage fright by standing backstage and furiously addressing the audience as "you bastards!"

I'm sure your stage fright is just as real as theirs, but there's no need to repeat such behaviours. If your stage fright is bad enough to make you vomit, want to flee the country or erupt in profanities, then the polite thing to do is tell your friend you can't toast the bride for medical reasons — and then produce a doctor's note. Seriously, if you're that incapacitated, it wouldn't hurt to see someone and talk about it.

But if it's just normal performance anxiety, which most human beings have in one form or another, then you have to swallow your pride and do it anyway.

It doesn't matter if you're tongue-tied, awkward and bound to make a fool of yourself. People love that kind of disastrous display at weddings. And no matter how ridiculous you look or feel, the speech itself can still be a resounding success.

All you need to do is prepare. Write your speech ahead of time and practice delivering it. If you don't know what to write, ask for help from a witty friend who also knows and loves the bride and groom, or use a professional wedding speechwriter, which you can find online at weddings.ca or any number of other websites (it's a growing business, which only proves my point that this is a very common problem). Look at samples of their work and make sure they fit your budget. If you decide to use someone, and they're any good, they'll interview you about your relationship to the couple and draft something you can deliver with pride.

Finally, here's the advice I give myself when I'm nervous about speaking to a group: "It's not about you, you narcissistic idiot! Stop thinking about yourself, and stick to the material!"

Rather rude, but as long as you restrict it to quiet, personal use, you are most welcome to it.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

Do black female writers feel valued in Canadian media?

As a black female writer, the decision by journalist and activist Desmond Cole to leave the Toronto Star's opinion pages has left me thinking.

In his blog post, Cole wonders if other black writers in Canada will have a chance to thrive.

Specifically, he shouts out black women. As he told me by phone, "There are more barriers for them than there have been for me."

I asked a few black female writers whether they felt they could work in Canadian media.

"Honestly, I feel like I can but I also feel I have to censor myself a bit, you know?" said Brnesh Berhe, a writer from Edmonton.

Septembre Anderson, a former journalist, didn't feel like she could at all: "I've realized that there is only space in Canadian media for moderate black men journalists and have moved on to greener pastures."

The ones who are sticking with journalism aren't hopeful about Canadian media. "I think that Canadian media particularly doesn't value racialized writers," said Brittany Amofah, "We're disposable or used for a particular thing/column. But not perhaps as an ongoing voice."

Many of them spoke on the pressure to be a capital B black voice. I know I waver between resisting it and taking advantage of the opportunities I'm given, even when they're racialized.

"Canadian media was too white and marginalizing. When they did want me to write it was always really in a way that pigeonholed me as 'a Muslim woman,'" said Sarah Hagi, a writer for Vice Canada. Hagi is one of the few black women who has a job in media, but she credits American publications for her freelance work.

Amani Bin Shikhan said, "There are unspoken assumptions that come with the territory of being a culture writer who also happens to be a black, Muslim woman, but it's in Canadian media that I feel those limitations on what I can say — and how I can say it — most."

These are some of the subtle and overt ways that anti-black racism works.

It's the pressure to lower one's voice. It's having your platform shrunk. It's the shifting sands on which one is meant to build. It's in picking between work you love and doing what is right.

Cole's treatment at a publication I have trusted and the experience of brilliant black women leave me with unease. My question isn't so much if black — and racialized — writers in Canada will get the space to be a multiplicity of identities.

That I am one of a few black writers with a large platform is not a credit to me. It's an indictment of an industry that does not value black voices.

My question is: Can someone tell me how many of us are allowed in?

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Cultural slights in the spotlight

ART

Indigenous groups say appropriation is an old battle

Toronto artist Amanda PL's work (right) and Noral Morrisseau's painting Androgny, which hangs in the ballroom at Rideau Hall in Ottawa (above). Amanda PL has acknowledged that her work bears a similarity to that of Morrisseau's. For those steeped in the Woodland School of Art, as the genre is known, Amanda PL's work smacks of cultural appropriation by a young artist with no claim to the tradition. THE CANADIAN PRESS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The work of Toronto painter Amanda PL is infused with bright colours and bold outlines often associated with an Indigenous art style.

But for many of those familiar with the Woodland School of Art, as the genre is also known, it smacks of cultural appropriation by a young artist with no claim to the tradition.

Outrage over Amanda PL's work has renewed debate over who has the right to use and profit from specific customs.

It's a decades-old problem that is only gradually being understood in a field where ideas and images are continually borrowed, traded and reinvented, say observers.

B.C. lawyer Vanessa Udy says the broader public seems to be becoming more sensitive to possible cultural slights.

But the onus of identifying them falls on the person who finds it offensive, and that can be difficult to determine and articulate at times.

There's no easy formula to apply when feelings are hurt — Udy notes each case requires a nuanced evaluation.

"Is it a person from a group who is in power over a group that is more dispossessed? Does the commodification of their culture put down their culture? Will it create negative stereotypes in the eyes of others?" explains Udy, an intellectual property lawyer who returned to school after seven years of practice to study aboriginal law.

"That's part of the problem of cultural appropriation, and why people don't always seem to get it is because it is an intellectually demanding process to go through in analyzing each case."

The Toronto gallery that planned to exhibit Amanda PL's work was quick to cancel when two complaints came in, says co-owner Tony Magee, who adds he's now fielding complaints from those angered by the cancellation.

"We didn't make our decision (to cancel) out of political correctness. We didn't do it as caving to pressure. We did it because we opened our eyes," says Magee, whose shop opened in January.

"It's really offensive to have people accuse us of caving in and not being willing to stand up for what we believe in. Well, we are standing up for what we believe in."

Amanda PL has said her work was inspired by the Woodland school and has acknowledged a similarity to the work of Anishinaabe artist Norval Morrisseau.

The problem for many is that she's white, and seems to have made no effort to consult with the Anishinaabe community even after vociferous protest.

The flap follows an uproar at the Whitney Biennial last month, when Brooklyn, N.Y.-based artist Dana Schutz came under fire for her abstract painting Open Casket.

It depicts the mutilated face of lynching victim Emmett Till at his 1955 funeral. The work sparked outrage among several African-American artists offended that a white woman would tackle the subject, especially since it was a white woman whose unfounded accusations led to Till's murder.

The Whitney has refused to remove the painting, saying the museum provides a platform to explore critical issues.

But the difference here is that Schutz created the work as a reaction to last year's Black Lives Matter protests, notes Magee. She has also said she has no intention of selling it.

There's certainly room for culture to be borrowed, shared and reinvented, says the man in charge of Indigenous art at the National Gallery of Canada.

"Knowledge of cultural tenets and beliefs move back and forth across cultures through history. That's probably a good thing," says Greg Hill, who is of Mohawk descent and from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

"It becomes a problem when things are borrowed or taken and they're used out of context or they're misunderstood, they're not understood and they're unknowingly or purposefully used in an inappropriate way." THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

No laughing matter for hosts

THE SHOW: Late Show with Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Kimmel Live, May 1
THE MOMENT: Pushing it

"Something happened to my family last week," Jimmy Kimmel begins his monologue, his voice breaking. He relates how his baby son Billy was born April 21 with a heart disease and needed costly emergency surgery. He's uncharacteristically emotional.

He concludes with a plea for universal health insurance: "If your baby is going to die and it doesn't have to, it shouldn't matter how much money you make. No parent should ever have to decide if they can afford to save their child's life." The audience applauds.

"Let me introduce you to the Tiffany Way," Stephen Colbert begins his monologue. "When you insult one member of the CBS family you insult us all." He objects to how Donald Trump insulted journalist John Dickerson in a TV interview. It's uncharacteristically angry.

"You're turning into a pricktator," Colbert addresses Trump. "You attract more skinheads than Rogaine. The only thing your mouth is good for is being Putin's c—holster." The audience gasps.

I don't think it's mere coincidence that both hosts broke character on the same night — which happened to be the 102nd day of Donald Trump's presidency. With the "first 100 days" hoopla over, grim reality had settled in.

The policies Trump is pursuing threaten people's human rights, their health and the planet (via climate change and nuclear war). And he's undermined the news media successfully enough that reporting these dangers has become difficult.

In very different ways, these two men stepped out of their normal personas to warn their viewers: This is no laughing matter.

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Canadians spring for asparagus

FRESH HARVEST

Nutrient rich, abundant crop is an industry success story

Owen Roberts
Urban Cowboy

Odds are the fresh Ontario asparagus you now see in stores — the first stock of the season — is tasty Guelph Millennium. It's become a popular local food, a made-in-Ontario success story, credited by farmers for breathing life into what's become a $30-million crop.

"If not for Guelph Millennium, we would not have a viable industry in Ontario today," says Bernie Solymar, executive director of the Asparagus Growers of Ontario. "That's the bottom line."

May is shaping up to be a great month for asparagus, Ontario's earliest commercial field crop. Warm spring days have arrived, and varieties such as Guelph Millennium are leaping out of the ground.

In fact, once asparagus breaks through the soil, farmers say you can actually sit and watch it climb skyward. Indeed, it can grow as much as 25 cm in a single day.

When it reaches its peak, about two weeks from now, farmers will have their hands full — literally, because they harvest the crop by hand, with a knife. It grows so fast that on hot days they have to cut it twice a day.

But they really don't mind. It's money in the bank.

To farmers, a crop's output, called "yield," is vital. To stay afloat, farmers have be profitable. One way they do it is by growing high yielding crop varieties.

For asparagus farmers, that's where Guelph Millennium comes in handy. Its yield per acre is double that of older asparagus varieties. That makes growing asparagus attractive to farmers.

In fact, in Ontario, acreage has increased to 3,400 acres — up 700 acres in just the past four years. And Guelph Millennium comprises 100 per cent of the new asparagus plantings in the province.

There's more. The same Guelph Millennium plant can be productive for more than 15 years. That's about twice as long as competitive varieties. Plus, it doesn't buckle when the mercury dives. Guelph Millennium is now grown as far north as Saskatoon. And thanks to Fox Seeds, Ontario asparagus growers' own brand, Guelph Millennium is even being registered for farmers in chilly Russia.

But while field performance is an important part of the Guelph Millennium story, there are other reasons it's a superstar variety, too.

First, it's high in vitamins such as folic acid, potassium, thiamine and B6. It's a decent source of fibre. And it's low in calories and sodium.

As well, in a happy coincidence, a study showed Guelph Millennium is blessed with significantly higher levels than any other asparagus variety of an antioxidant called rutin, also found in buckwheat, onions and black olives.

In the gut, bacteria convert rutin to a beneficial anti-inflammatory compound called quercetin.

Studies by former Guelph nutrition researcher Dr. Krista Power, now with the University of Ottawa, revealed that even at very low levels, rutin-rich Guelph Millennium had extraordinary benefits. For example, it helped laboratory mice heal from intestinal damage caused by colitis, a condition that contributes to inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

Power is hopeful that further testing will show Guelph Millennium can similarly help humans suffering from chronic diseases such as IBD.

"I've profiled many different food-types for their ability to help ease IBD, and I believe rutin-rich asparagus like Guelph Millennium could be a super food for gut health," she says.

Guelph Millennium was developed with support from the Ontario asparagus industry, and from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Happy harvesting, and here's to healthy eating.

The asparagus you are cooking this week was probably grown, harvested and prepared similar to the way Charles Welsh (top right) does at Welsh Bros. Farm near Scotland, Ont. MAIN PHOTO ISTOCK, ALL OTHER PHOTOS LANCE MCMILLAN /FOR METRO

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FACTOIDS *of* FARMING

Tasty in any colour
When asparagus surfaces each year, it turns green once it's exposed to sunlight, thanks to photosynthesis. Farmers can disrupt that process by mounding soil on top of it, as it starts to shoot through the ground. Depriving the plant of sunlight causes it to stay white. Besides green and white asparagus, some markets also feature asparagus with a gene that makes it purple.

What's that smell?
If your pee smells odd after eating asparagus, pat yourself on the back. The Asparagus Farmers of Ontario say the smell comes from "sulfurous amino acids" that are released from the vegetable during digestion, which only one quarter of people can smell. If you sense a funny fragrance, it says, "That means you're not only normal, you have a good nose."

Owen Roberts is an agricultural journalist at the University of Guelph. Follow him on Twitter at @TheUrbanCowboy.

Are there antibiotics in meat?

I'm curious and a bit confused about the labels around antibiotics and food lately. I figured the best place to start is to ask a farmer why they even use antibiotics.

Michelle Jaelin
Registered Dietitian, Toronto

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Andrea Veldhuizen
Chicken Farmer, Niagara Region

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Forecasting a nurse shortage

Veronique Boscart, president of the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association. CONTRIBUTED

BABY BOOMERS

Many nurses are set to retire in the coming decade

Jen Taplin

Baby boomers are steaming ahead into retirement and will soon need seniors' care, putting an added strain on nurses across the country. The Canadian Nurses Association said there could be a shortage of about 60,000 nurses by 2022.

Many nurses are set to retire in the coming decade or two and at 53, Catrin Brodie is one of them. She's the president of the Gerontological Nurses Association of B.C. She said many health authorities are realizing many nurses will retire and have opened up scopes of practice for other health care providers, like licensed practical nurses, to take over some of the tasks traditionally performed by registered nurses.

"In residential care, for instance, there are way more licensed practical nurses now than registered nurses because they just can't find enough of them," Brodie said. "The health authority is starting to have to shift who are looking after patients because of not being able to get enough skilled professionals. It's a bit of a concern."

Already the culture of patients in residential care is changing, Brodie added.

"Something we're going to have to look at is a policy on marijuana, and we never had to think about that before but a lot of our baby boomers grew up in the '60s, did a lot of pot, and they're still doing pot," she said. "How do we in the health authority deal with that when we have a lot of no-smoking policies?"

Veronique Boscart, president of the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association said several gerontological nurses across the country met last week to discuss the shortage and solutions.

"There definitely is not enough of us," she said.

Health facilities are short staffed, Boscart said, and not just nursing but other health professions as well and mistakes are being made because of shortages.

GERONTOLOGY

It can be tough to encourage young nurses to go in gerontology. "What I try to tell people is it is actually sexy because a lot of students think 'oh looking after older adults, how boring' but it's not," Brodie said. "You almost have to be a sleuth to look after seniors." For example, it isn't usually difficult to diagnose a urinary tract infection in a younger adult but a senior could become delirious and confused, making it hard for a nurse to understand what's wrong. "Really it's a lot more complicated and uses a very high-skilled critical thinking," she said.

Instructor shortage

It's not just nurses that will soon be in short supply, but nursing instructors as well.

Brenda Sabo, professor at Dalhousie's School of Nursing in Halifax, said there will likely be a shortage of nursing professors across Canada in about five years by at least 1,000. "We're an aging cohort I would say," she said.

Veronique Boscart, president of the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association, said not only is there not enough instructors, but even fewer have gerontological expertise. Outside of maternity wards and a few others, many patients are over 60 and nurses need to know how to care for them.

In nursing schools, very little of the curriculum covers gerontology, Boscart said.

"It's really kind of a circle. The next generation of nurses struggle with providing care for seniors and so if you're going to have an increase in seniors and complexity, it's a bit of a double whammy," she said.

'NURSE-OF-ALL-TRADES'

A nurse in the north has to be everything: social worker, mental health therapist, health provider and yes, even a veterinarian.

"I don't think there's a more exciting profession when you're up here because you do everything," said nurse-of-all-trades Sandra Chapman from North Spirit Lake in northern Ontario.

Any given day she can be giving immunizations, delivering babies, doing mental health counseling and drug and alcohol addiction therapy.

"I have taken fish hooks out of I don't know how many dogs' mouths and fixed their paws because there are no vets here," she said.

Sandra Chapman receivers Health Canada's 2016 Awards of Excellence in Nursing. CONTRIBUTED

It was a big change for an urbanite like Chapman. She grew up in Liverpool, England. She wanted to be a nurse ever since reading a series of books as a child about a nurse called Cherry Ames. She graduated from nursing school in 1966 and emigrated to Canada in 1972.

She worked in St. Mary's hospital in Kitchener for over 30 years, half in labour and delivery and the other half in the emergency department. She also worked at the sexual assault treatment centre.

"I didn't really want to retire because I loved the emergency room but I just felt it was getting crazy in emergency rooms in Ontario and I wanted something different."

One Sunday in church a speaker said when people retire they should reach out and try new challenges. She was immediately inspired and told her husband she wanted to work up north. She gave in her notice the next day.

For a year Chapman and her husband, who was retired, lived in Kashechewan. Her husband passed away and she moved to Big Trout Lake and worked there for 10 years until this summer when she transitioned to part time in North Spirit Lake.

"You have to love the people, you have care about the people," she said. "First Nations people have many problems but they are lovely people, they have a wonderful sense of humour and they're very truthful and they're very easy to work with in that regard."

Chapman said she loves the north and has learned new skills like building a fire in the snow to brew tea.

"It's beautiful in the north. It's kind of strange because I'm a big city girl really — born in Liverpool, lived in Kitchener — but I absolutely love the north. The air is so fresh and there are trees and water everywhere."

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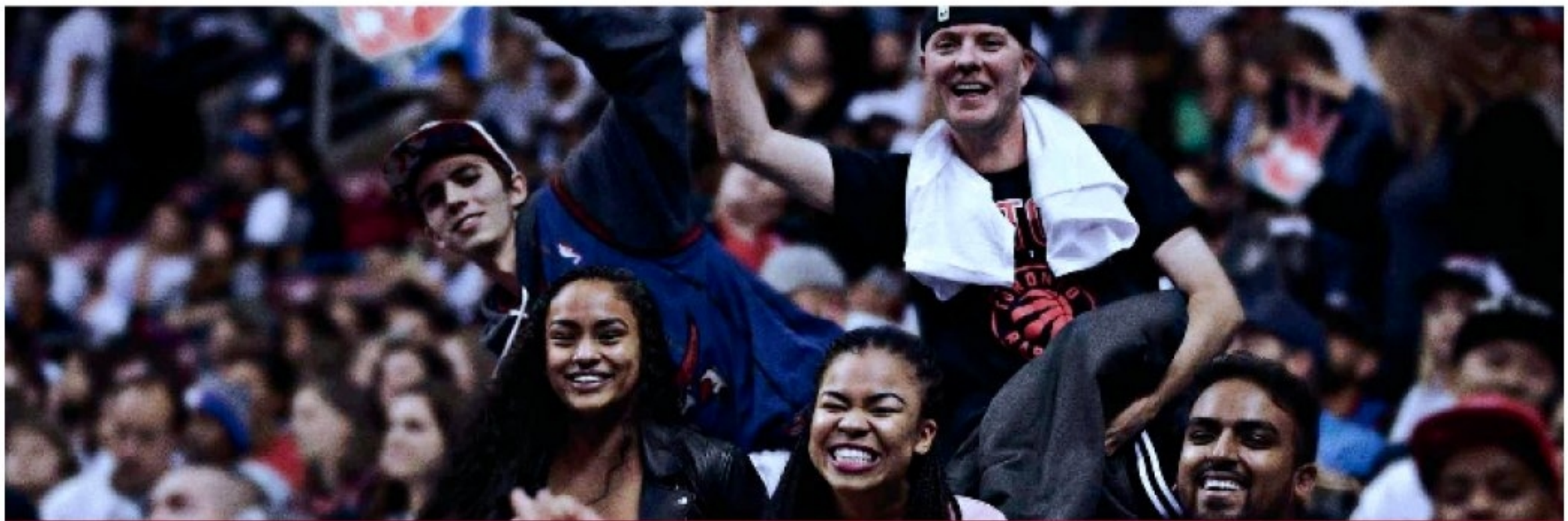

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LeBron simply too much

RAPTORS
CAVS WIN SERIES 4-0

Uncertainty awaits Toronto after sweep by Cleveland

Dwane Casey asked his team to play with pride.

Facing an ugly ending to a season that had held so much promise, the coach didn't want them to go down without a fight.

They responded. But in the minutes after the Toronto Raptors' season came to an end in a four-game sweep by Cleveland in the Eastern Conference semifinals, Casey lamented the three lackadaisical efforts earlier in the series.

"It's tough," Casey said. "We know we could have played better in the first three games. We didn't.

"Today, I thought the guys played. In that do-or-die situation, guys can easily pack it in. I thought our guys played with grit, toughness, togetherness. I think it's a testament to their character and the culture that those guys have created. We all want to win. I don't know if we're there yet. We're knocking on the door."

Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan drives to the basket against LeBron James of the Cavaliers on Sunday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Serge Ibaka scored 23 points, while DeMar DeRozan added 22, and the Raptors, coming off three consecutive blowouts, took Cleveland to the final couple of minutes before dropping a 109-102 decision to the defending NBA champion on Sunday.

"At the end of the day, you gotta give (Cleveland) credit," said a downcast DeRozan. "They're a hell of a team for a reason. They got one of the greatest players of all time (LeBron James).

"It's on us to let this sink in and understand we gotta come back extremely better, individual and team-wise. It's something that we got great experience with playing these guys two years in a row. We just gotta figure it out. We gotta figure it out."

It was Toronto's first playoff sweep since the opening round against Washington in 2015. Now the Raptors head into an off-season of uncertainties, including questions around the future of Casey and Kyle Lowry, who plans to opt out of the last year of his contract and become a free agent.

GAME 4 At ACC

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LeBron James had 35 points to top the Cavs. He added nine rebounds and six assists.

Cory Joseph, who started for the second straight game in place of an injured Lowry (ankle) had 20 points and 12 assists.

DeRozan wasn't about to entertain any talk of what ifs.

"If we had LeBron on our team too, we would've won," DeRozan said. "We can say that all day, time, everything, we didn't. It happened. We got swept. It's gonna be one of them long summers for us."

Cleveland will next take on either Boston or Washington. Washington won 121-102 on Sunday night to tie their Eastern Conference semifinal 2-2.

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RUGBY

Wolfpack triumphant in wet and wild home debut

The weather was poor, the venue rudimentary and the game churlish. But when the dust settled Saturday, the Toronto Wolfpack celebrated their first win on Canadian soil after thumping Oxford RLFC 62-12.

Inside its spartan dressing room at Lamport Stadium, rugby league's first transatlantic team launched into its victory song, clapping and singing "Wolfpack's on Fire," before spraying each other with water and falling into a bouncing, jubilant mass of humanity on the floor.

It's hard not to like this largely transplanted English side, which wears its heart on a very muscular sleeve. Or the bruising game it plays.

"You can see how it's going to build into something magnificent," Wolfpack coach Paul Rowley said of the marriage between rugby's 13-man code and North America. "The fans love it. A bit of everything as promised. So we delivered, they delivered. And welcome rugby league to Canada.

54

The Wolfpack have won their six league games by an average of 54 points.

"We always labelled it as the best-kept secret and now the secret's out of the box. I think it's a win-win."

An enthusiastic crowd, announced at 6,281, saw 14 tries, three red cards and two yellows in a game that featured several punch-ups resembling old-time hockey line brawls. Toronto finished with 10 men after Jake Emmitt and Blake Wallace were red-carded after a brawl that started in the 71st minute.

Andrew Dixon, Richard Whiting, Jonny Pownall and Ryan Brierley scored two tries apiece for Toronto (6-0-0) while Wallace, captain Craig Hall, Greg Worthington and Ryan Burroughs added singles. Hall kicked seven conversions.

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IN BRIEF

Oilers destroy Ducks to force Game 7

The Edmonton Oilers are forcing the Anaheim Ducks to face their Game 7 playoff demons.

Leon Draisaitl led the Oilers with a hat trick and two assists in a decisive 7-1 victory on Sunday to even their Western Conference semifinal 3-3.

Anaheim has lost a Game 7 at home each of the last four years.

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Predators make franchise history by beating Blues

Ryan Johansen scored the game-winner early in the third period and the Nashville Predators advanced to their first Western Conference final in franchise history Sunday by beating the St. Louis Blues 3-1 to take the series in six games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raonic falls short of tournament victory

Thornhill's Milos Raonic fell just short of a title in his first tournament since recovering from a hamstring injury, falling 7-6 (3), 6-3 to Croatia's Marin Cilic in Sunday's Istanbul Open final.

Raonic had not played on the ATP Tour since withdrawing from the Miami Open in March.

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Biagini helps Blue Jays edge Rays on the road

Joe Biagini and four relievers combined on a three-hitter, Darwin Barney hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 on Sunday.

The Blue Jays took two of three from the Rays to win a road series for the first time this season (1-4-1).

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in 10minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 cup frozen raspberries
- 1/2 cup frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup chocolate almond milk
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup plain Greek-style yogurt
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp chocolate chips or cacao nibs

Directions
1. Place all the ingredients in your blender and whiz until smooth.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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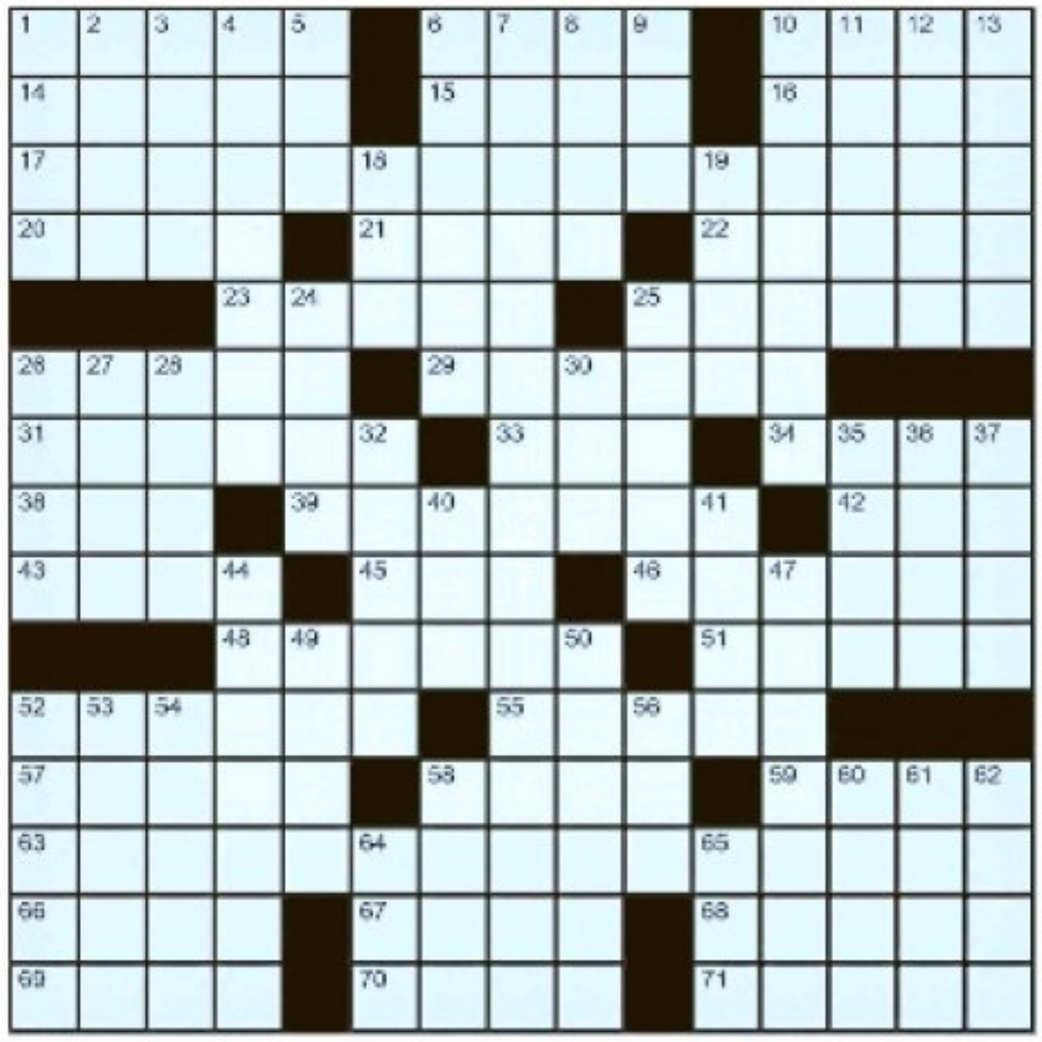

ACROSS
1. Peppery salad herb, Garden _
6. _-daisy
10. _ seeds (Health food store purchase)
14. Ms. Kelly of "Friday Night Lights"
15. "You gotta be kidding!"
16. Hamilton's _ Village
17. Canadian drama which starred Nicholas Campbell as a Vancouver coroner: 3 wds.
20. Scrape, as spoken sound
21. Muffins-making milieu
22. Excessive
23. Rice dish
25. Dishes de-sudsing-izer
26. Presentation-giver's device, _ pointer
29. Mistaken-for-a-wolf animal
31. Open a gift
33. Mouse's lab pal
34. Certain chordophone
38. Comic actress Ms. Gasteyer
39. Made a witty remark
42. "Video Games" singer, Lana Del _
43. Mail org. in The States
45. Martial Art, _ Chi
46. Subdued
48. Charles or William or Harry
51. Mr. Millan aka 'The Dog Whisperer'
52. Backstreet Boys member A.J.
55. Characteristics of walruses
57. In the lead
58. Gigantic
59. Gull-like bird
63. Indigo and Coles in Canada: 2 wds.
66. Coastal bird
67. _ Sound, Ontario
68. Calgary neighbourhood
69. Television producer Norman
70. "If all _ fails..."
71. Painter's artwork base

DOWN
1. RCN rank
2. Music trade org.
3. E-Mails eliminate the need for 'em
4. "Gilligan's Island" role, with The
5. _ Diego
6. 1951 mainframe computer
7. Emulate a fashion model on a shoot: 3 wds.
8. Washer cycle
9. Yearning
10. England's nicknamed connection to France
11. Minds
12. Put forth
13. Michaelmas daisy
18. Row's opp., as on a spreadsheet
19. Leave a job
24. Baghdad's country
25. Routines
26. Honolulu banquet
27. Ms. Jillian's
28. Exchange
30. Slang-style mouth
32. Russian leader Vladimir
35. Latin for 'city'
36. Prefix meaning 'Trillion'
37. Observer
40. Sir McKellen
41. Wharf
44. Parliament Hill job, _ of the House
47. Telephone _ (What the caller left)
49. Vintage house heaters, for short
50. Playwright Mr. O'Neill
52. Silent movies star Ms. Normand (b.1892 - d.1930)
53. Lopping the lawn or doing the dusting
54. "Bleeding Love" singer Ms. Lewis
56. Li'l bit of "60 Minutes"
58. Wolf's wail
60. "The _ in the Hall" (Canadian sketch classic)
61. Some, in French: Quelques-_
62. "It should come _ _ surprise that..."
64. Shoe part
65. Take it all

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

♈ **Aries** March 21 - April 20
This is a prickly Monday, so be cautious. Close friends and partners will surprise you by being moody or demanding, or wanting more freedom. Tread carefully!

♉ **Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Your routine will be interrupted today by computer crashes, canceled appointments, power outages — something. Give yourself extra time so that you will have wiggle room to deal with this.

♊ **Gemini** May 22 - June 21
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Social occasions might be canceled or rescheduled. Ditto for sports. Yikes!

♋ **Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Small appliances might break down, or minor breakages could occur because your home routine will be interrupted. A surprise visitor might knock on your door. Stock the fridge.

♌ **Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Keep your eyes open to avoid a physical accident or verbal gaffes.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep an eye on your money today, because something unpredictable might happen. You might find money, or you might lose money. Your possessions might be stolen, broken or lost.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's hard to predict what people will do today. And you feel the same way, which is why you might change your mind spontaneously today and take off in a new direction.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel restless today. You have the feeling like you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Don't bother — it is invariably ugly and in the wrong size.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend will surprise you today by saying or doing something unusual. Conversely, you might meet someone who's a real character.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be careful when talking to bosses, parents and VIPs today, because things will not unfold as you expect. Do not be offended.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans will change today — almost certainly. Double-check details, and make sure you know what's happening.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Agreements about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances might suddenly fall through today or be changed. Stay on top of this so that you are not caught off guard. In a situation like this, information is power.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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